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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Sir.

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated October 30, 2002 containing a Restriction Requirement. The following documents are enclosed herewith:

1) A petition to extend the period of response for five months.

Amendments are made herein in accordance with the guidelines published by the U.S. PTO on the US PTO website entitled: Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted.